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Editorial in center-right O Estado de S. Paulo (3-8) states: "U.S. Secretary Hillary Clinton's first international trip to the Middle East and to Europe indicated a substantial shift...in U.S. diplomacy under Barack Obama's administration. At Washington's instigation the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) has re-established formal relations with Russia....The initiative shows Obama's concern to rebuild coherence between the means and the ends in U.S. foreign policy, which was buried by a series of errors made by the Bush administration. The return to rationality does not guarantee that those ends will be achieved....but the change is indispensable to regain U.S. position on the world's chessboard."

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